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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCHNEIDER

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL DATA

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1. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS THAT CONGRESSMAN FRELINGHUYSEN MIGHT TRAVEL FROM ISLAMABAD TO DELHI WITHOUT TRANSITING KARACHI. ALTERNATIVES ARE BY ROAD FROM LAHORE TO NEW DELHI; BY ROAD FROM LAHORE TO AMRITSAR AND PLANE TO NEW DELHI, OR ON MONDAYS, A DIRECT FLIGHT FROM LAHORE TO NEW DELHI.

2. GRANT SMITH (WHO WAS DRIVING A VW BEATLE) MADE THE ENTIRE TRIP FROM LAHORE TO NEW DELHI IN ABOUT 9 HOURS. IT TAKES ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM LAHORE TO THE BORDER, PROBABLY AN HOUR TO CROSS THE BORDER AND THEN ABOUT 7 HOURS TO NEW DELHI. EMBASSY CARS PROBABLY COULD MAKE THE TRIP SLIGHTLY FASTER THAN A VW. IF NECESSARY CARS COULD BE SWITCHED AT THE BORDER (WE HAVEN'T TALKED TO LAHORE) BUT PRESUMABLY ONE COULD MAKE THE ENTIRE TRIP IN THE SAME VEHICLE. THE 7 HOUR ESTIMATE INVOLVES STEADY DRIVING WITH NO STOPS.

3. IF THE CONGRESSMAN WANTED TO TAKE THE TRAIN FROM AMRITSAR HE SHOULD COUNT ON APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS BY CAR FROM LAHORE AND ABOUT 9 HOURS BY TRAIN. THERE ARE 4 TRAINS A DAY DEPARTING BETWEEN 0630 AND 2300. THE LATTER IS THE FRONTIER MAIL WHICH YOU RODE FROM BOMBAY TO NEW DELHI.

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4. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE IS TO DRIVE FROM LAHORE TO AMRISAR AND THEN FLY INDIAN AIRLINES TO NEW DLHI. THERE ARE 3 FLIGHTS A WEEK, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DEPARTING AMRITSAR AT 1530 ARRIVING NEW DELHI AT 1625. THIS FLIGHT IS NOW BACK IN OPERATION.

5. FINALLY, ON MONDAYS ONLY, ONE CAN FLY FROM ISLAMABAD DEPARTING AT 0800, ARRIVING LAHORE AT 0900, THEN TAKE AN ARIANA FLIGHT DEPARTING LAHORE AT 1145 AND ARRIVING NEW DELHI 1345.

6. FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES ONE HAS A CHOICE OF MORNING, MID-DAY AND EVENING FLIGHTS MOST DAYS FROM ISLAMABAD TO KARACHI BUT PA-002 DEPARTING KARACHI 0255, ARRIVING DELHI 0530 LEAVES NO OPTION BUT TO MISS ONE NIGHT'S SLEEP.
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